



Minutes of the

DUMONT SHADE TREE COMMISSION

5/21/12 Dumont Senior Citizens Center
37 Dumont Avenue, Dumont, NJ 07628

- 1) Meeting was called to order by President Ray Slaman at 8:00 p.m. Other commissioners present were Ryan Metz, Larry Tobias and Abbie Slaman. Absent: Tom Fisichella, Rafael Riquelme, Sally Tayeb
- 2) Prior Meeting Minutes — changes had been e-mailed to Secretary Rafael Riquelme. It was REGULARLY MOVED, SECONDED AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY to approve the minutes as amended.
- 3) Regular Business
- 4) Dumont Friends of the Shade Tree (Arboretum)
 - a) Brick Walk & Gazebo — John Perkins has reported to Ray Slaman that the DEP Grant was approved. The walk and gazebo can be done in 2013, funding will be from the state and money will be through a municipal financial instrument. Members can begin gathering price quotations for this project.
 - b) It was suggested that local community organizations like the Elks or local college students looking for community service be recruited to volunteer on projects.
 - c) Ryan Metz reported that filing is complete as a domestic non-profit. Next step is to create By-Laws.
- 5) Tree Maintenance — no report
- 6) I-Tree — no report
- 7) Adopt-A-Tree — Spring planting season has been the best yet with no significant bumps. Trees were planted at all five schools and one for a Girl Scout troop at Honiss. Four varieties were planted at a cost of \$8800.00 and the weather has been good with plenty of rain for the trees to have a good start.
- 8) Memorial Day — 2000 seed packets are ready for distribution during the parade. We will ask Sally about decorating her car as the last two years. DSTC will be at the end of Division II (behind the Honiss School Band). Meet at Sally's House and line up on Walsh Drive.
- 9) Dumont Day — tabled till we get closer to the date.
- 10) Community outreach and communication
 - a) Ryan Metz suggested a monthly or bimonthly press release pertaining to trees and the work we do in the borough. He would like to commence this regular outreach soon.
- 11) Summer projects
 - a) Suggested a monthly presence at the new Farmer's Market in town.
 - b) Suggested a new round of nominations for Heritage Tree Program.
- 12) Town Council ordinance

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- a) In development — Memorial Tree allocations and program in development for service personnel as well as persons nominated by the citizens
 - b) Need to revisit the Ordinance for fee schedule for compensation for unauthorized removal of borough trees or borough trees removed for convenience.
- 13) DSTC web site. Abbie needs clarification of current titles and positions to state on the web site. It was suggested that Rafael's title be Secretary-Treasurer. Ryan will recommend a title that fits his present and future activities. All photos received from Sally have been uploaded to the facebook page (link from dumontshadetree.org) and Larry showed an iMovie that he created for Arbor Day. He will share it via YouTube and a link will be provided to embed it in the web site.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Abbie Slaman
Secretary *pro tempore*

Announcements:
THE DUMONT SHADE TREE COMMISSION (DSTC)
HAS COMPLIED WITH THE OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT,
HAVING SENT NOTICE TO THE RECORD, RIDGEWOOD NEWS, FILED WITH THE
MUNICIPAL CLERK
AND POSTED ON THE BOROUGH'S OFFICIAL BULLETIN BOARD.

ALL DUMONT RESIDENTS ARE WELCOME
TO ATTEND OPEN MEETINGS OF THE DSTC

BRING GOOD IDEAS
HELP BUILD THE NEW BRICK PATH AND GAZEBO
(At the Arboretum on West Shore Avenue)
PARTICIPATE IN THE STREET TREE SURVEY

For more information visit www.dumontshadetree.org